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MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY

FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 3, 2015/2016

TSM2691 NETWORK SYSTEM FOR MULTIMEDIA
(All Sections / Groups)

30th MAY 2016
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS

1. This paper consists of 3 pages with **SEVEN (7)** questions only.
2. Attempt **SIX** out of **SEVEN** questions. All questions carry equal marks and the distribution of the marks for each question is given.
3. Please write all your answers in the answer booklet provided.

QUESTION 1

- a) A media stream can be *on-demand* or *live*.
i) Differentiate between *on-demand* and *live*. (2 marks)
ii) Give an example of situations suitable for *on-demand* and *live* stream. (2 marks)
- b) A 360p video on Youtube is recommended to have a *bitrate* of 750 Kbps. What would be the streaming media storage size (in MB) for a 360p video that is an hour long? (2 marks)
- c) List TWO (2) challenges of *multimedia networking*. (4 marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Differentiate between *plain text* and *rich text*. (4 marks)
- b) What is the display resolution of a *greyscale* image requiring 38,400 Bytes? (2 marks)
- c) Discuss TWO (2) features of *Tagged Image File Format* (TIFF) files. (4 marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Calculate the audio file size (in bytes) if the duration of a clip is 20 seconds, digitized at 16 bits, stereo and at a 44 kHz sampling rate. (2 marks)
- b) Differentiate between *MIDI* and *Digital Audio*. (4 marks)
- c) Calculate the digital video file size (in GB) given a *frame size* of 640 x 480, a *colour depth* of 24 bits, *frame rate* of 30 and a 5 minute video length. (2 marks)
- d) List FOUR (4) most encountered video file formats on the web. (2 marks)

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QUESTION 4

- a) Discuss any TWO (2) types of *compression*. (4 marks)
- b) Illustrate and label the *Real-Time Protocol* (RTP) header. (3 marks)
- c) Briefly explain the steps for *inter frame* video compression. (3 marks)

QUESTION 5

- a) Compute the *min-max fair allocation* for a set of six sources with demands 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 when the resource has a capacity of 30. (3 marks)
- b) In the context of buffer scheduling, discuss the First-In First-Out (FIFO) algorithm. (3 marks)
- c) Discuss TWO (2) *Synchronization Accuracy Specification* (SAS) factors. (4 marks)

QUESTION 6

- a) List FOUR (4) factors that can reduce the *throughput* of a network. (4 marks)
- b) *Quality of Service* (QoS) as applicable to multimedia applications is a set of parameters that can be assigned numerical values. State TWO (2) categories and their example parameters. (4 marks)
- c) Define what *continuous event simulation* is. (2 marks)

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QUESTION 7

- a) In the context of streaming multimedia, discuss *unicast* and *multicast*. (4 marks)
- b) Define what *image resolution* is. Then state the ways image resolution can be specified. (4 marks)
- c) According to *Nyquist sampling theorem*, how can sampling be done without loss of information? (2 marks)

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